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NOTIFICATION

G.O. (P) No.9/2024/Home

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024

S. R. O. No. 90/2024

15<sup>th</sup> Makaram, 1199,

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In exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 234 and 235 of the Constitution of India read with sub-section (1) of section 2 of the Kerala Public Services Act 1968 (19 of 1968), the Governor of Kerala, in consultation with the High Court of Kerala, hereby make the following



rules further to amend the Kerala Judicial Service Rules, 1991 issued under G.O.(P) No.190/1991/Home dated 31<sup>st</sup> December, 1991 and published as S.R.O.No.1621/91 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No.1518 dated 31<sup>st</sup> December, 1991, namely.-

## RULES

**1. Short title and commencement :-** (1) These rules may be called the Kerala Judicial Service (Amendment) Rules, 2024.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment of Rules.-** In the Kerala Judicial Service Rules, 1991,-

(1) in rule 3,-

(a) for the entries against Category (1), the following entries shall be substituted, namely:- 'Civil Judge (Senior Division)';

(b) for the entries against Category (2), the following entries shall be substituted, namely:- 'Civil Judge (Junior Division)';

(c) after Category (2) and the entries against it, the following Notes shall be inserted, namely:-

"Note 1. The expression ‘Civil Judge (Senior Division)’ includes Chief Judicial Magistrate, Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Principal Sub Judge, Sub Judge, Additional Sub Judge, Assistant Sessions Judge, Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Deputy Director (IT), High Court of Kerala, Deputy Director, Kerala Judicial Academy, Deputy Registrar, Kerala Administrative Tribunal, Deputy Registrar, Kerala Lok Ayukta and other deputation posts in this category.

Note 2. The expression ‘Civil Judge (Junior Division)’ includes Munsiff- Magistrate, Principal Munsiff, Additional Munsiff, Judicial Magistrate of the First Class including Special Judicial Magistrate of the First Class, Nyayadhikari, Assistant Director, Kerala Judicial Academy and other deputation posts in this category".



(2) in the table under rule 5,-

(a) for the entries in column (2) against Sl.No.1 in column (1), the following entries shall be substituted, namely:-

'Civil Judge (Senior Division)';

(b) for the entries in column (2) against Sl.No.2 in column (1), the following entries shall be substituted, namely:-

'Civil Judge (Junior Division)'.

(3) in sub - rule (1) of rule 16, for the words and symbol 'Munsiff-Magistrates', wherever it occurs the words and brackets 'Civil Judge (Junior Division)' shall be substituted.

By order of the Governor,

BISHWANATH SINHA

*Additional Chief Secretary to Government.*

### **Explanatory Note**

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

The Honourable Supreme Court of India as per Judgment dated 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 in All India Judges Association v. Union of India & Ors. in WP(C) No.643/2015 has directed to amend the Kerala Judicial Service Rules, 1991, to redesignate the nomenclature of Judicial Officers as 'Civil Judge (Senior Division)' instead of 'Subordinate Judges/ Chief Judicial Magistrates' and 'Civil Judge (Junior Division)' instead of 'Munsiff-Magistrate'. An interpretation clause has also been added to specify the equivalent nomenclature of posts in the two cadres.



The above directions necessitated amendments to the Kerala Judicial Service Rules, 1991. The High Court of Kerala, hence proposed amendment to be effected in the Kerala Judicial Services Rules, 1991 on the basis of the direction of the Honourable Supreme Court in the above writ petition. Government have accepted the proposal of the High Court.

The notification is intended to achieve the above object.

